



City of Janesville
Community Advocate
Update
February 2022

Dear Community Partner,

We hope you enjoy the February edition of the City of Janesville's Community Advocate Update, filled with the latest information about exciting happenings here in Janesville!

Pay It Forward Grant Program: The City's Pay It Forward Grant Program has made funds available to local non-profit organizations through one-time grants. The City is now accepting applications for the program, open to local organizations with qualifying projects that provide impactful public benefit and meet a substantiated need. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022. To learn more about the program and download a grant application, visit www.janesvillewi.gov/payitforward!

Volunteers Needed for City Committees: Volunteers are needed to serve on City boards, commissions, and committees! Members in these positions provide an invaluable service to our City by advising the City Council on a wide variety of subjects and making recommendations on important policy matters. Serving on a board, commission, or committee can be a rewarding experience for community service-minded residents. For more information and to learn how to apply, visit the [City's website](#).

Rent Assistance Program Waiting List: The City's Housing Authority will open the waiting list for the Rent Assistance Program to new applications beginning Monday, February 7, 2022, at 8 a.m. All applicants must apply online through the City's website using a waiting list application form to be provided on the Housing Services Division's webpage. If an applicant does not have internet access or needs assistance with the online form, contact the Housing Services Division at (608) 755-3065. Learn more on the [City's website](#).

2022 State of the City: On Thursday, January 27, the City held its eighth annual State of the City Address and Open House at City Hall. In his address, City Manager Mark Freitag highlighted the City's major accomplishments from the past year, plans for 2022, and challenges the community will face over the coming year. This year's State of the City is available for viewing on the [City's website](#).

Park Place Views: The award-winning monthly television show returns this month with an episode featuring the City Utility Director Dave Botts. Director Botts stops by to share information on Janesville's utility systems and the City's work to provide water and wastewater services. The episode premieres on Saturday, February 5 on JATV, Cable Channel 994. It will also be available on the [City's website](#) and JATV's [YouTube page](#).

City Swim Lessons Join National Provider Network: The USA Swimming Foundation has reviewed and accepted the Recreation Division's aquatics program into its network of authorized swim lesson providers. The program puts a strong emphasis on the importance of learning to swim and teaches swimmers how to be safe in, on, and around the water. To learn more about swim lessons, visit the [City's website](#).

Upcoming Events & Activities

- **Candlelight Hike 2022:** The City of Janesville Parks and Recreation Divisions are partnering with the Friends of Rockport Park and the Ice Age Trail Alliance to take the community on a candlelight hike through Rockport Park on Saturday, February 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is free to the public. Learn more on [Facebook](#)!
- **Rec Division's Heart My Yard Program:** Just in time for Valentine's Day, the Janesville Recreation Division's Heart My Yard program is back! Have your yard filled with plastic hearts full of fun surprises for your family to find. For details and to register, visit the [City's website](#).
- **Skate with the Jets:** In partnership with the Fourth Ward Park Action Team, the Janesville Jets are coming to the outdoor ice rink at Fourth Ward Park for a community skating event on Monday, February 21! Play alongside the Jets in broomball, hockey, and more. The Janesville Ice Arena will also have a limited of skates available for use at the event, free of charge. Learn more on the event's [Facebook page](#).

Questions? Contact Nick Faust, Communications Specialist at faustn@ci.janesville.wi.us or (608) 755-3094





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Wisconsin's Park Place

2021 CITY STATS

17,723

Fire Department
total unit
responses

60,425



Police
Department
activities

163,569

Recreation program
participants

118



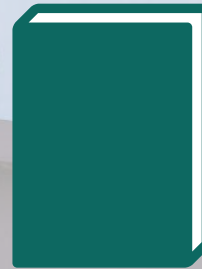
New hires &
promotions
(including
seasonal)

500

Families assisted
monthly through
Rental Assistance
Program

12

Miles of streets
rehabilitated



15,439

Hedberg Public
Library programs
and events

2,290

Signs repaired
and installed

20,698

Feet of storm
sewer cleaned

770,100

Square feet of new or
rehabilitated space

146



New home building
permits issued

280,299

Rides provided
by JTS

1,961

Water meters
installed



140

Water main
breaks repaired